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### ***Office Action Summary***

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2004.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6)  Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.  
7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1 – 19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (US Patent number 6,788,138) in view of Hunzinger (US 2002/0137535).

Regarding **claims 1 and 8**, Suzuki discloses that a method of power control (column 2, lines 25 – 51 and Fig. 1). Suzuki teaches that determining whether a wide-band (power control use for any band including wide-band) interference (error from transmission power designate value, negative fed-back of detection voltage) is above or below a threshold (Fig. 4, 10 and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches detecting negative fed-back of detection voltage is lower or higher than threshold).

Suzuki teaches that enabling closed-loop power control in response to determining a wide-band interference above a threshold (Fig. 4, 10 and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches in the graph in Fig. 4, enabling closed-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value above a threshold). Suzuki teaches that disabling closed-loop power control in response to determining the wide-band interference is below the threshold (Fig. 4, 10 and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches in the graph in Fig. 4, enabling open-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value below a threshold means disabling the closed-loop

power control in response to determining in the detection value below a threshold).

Suzuki teaches that sending a power feedback signal indicating a power transmission level if the closed-loop power control is enabled (Fig. 4, 10, column 8, lines 61 – column 9, lines 20, and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches as closed loop power control is enable, transmitting a power feedback signal indicating a power level such that setting at L or H level).

Suzuki does not exactly disclose the limitation “determining a wide-band interference”. However, Hunzinger discloses the limitation “determining a wide-band interference” (pages 2, paragraphs 15 and Fig. 1, where teaches in CDMA systems, signals can be received in the presence of high level of wide-band interference and determines wide-band interference and noise in the field may require). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was to modify the Suzuki as taught by Hunzinger, provide the motivation to achieve enhancing the interference detection for quality signal reception in the CDMA system.

Regarding **claims 2 and 9**, Suzuki discloses that disabling open-loop power control in response to determining a wide-band interference above the threshold (Fig. 4, 10 and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches in the graph in Fig. 4, enabling closed-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value above a threshold means disabling the open loop power control in response to determining in the detection value above a threshold). Suzuki discloses that enabling open-loop power control in response to determining the wide-band interference is below the threshold (Fig. 4, 10 and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches in the

graph in Fig. 4, enabling open-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value below a threshold means disabling the closed-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value below a threshold).

Regarding **claim 3**, Suzuki discloses that the power feedback signal is a power-up command indicating an increase in power transmission level (column 11, lines 19 – 40, Fig. 9, 12, and column 12, lines 18 – 40, where teaches adjusting the detection power feedback signal ratio to increase or decrease by power command).

Regarding **claim 4**, Suzuki discloses that the power feedback signal is a power-down command indicating a decrease in power transmission level (column 11, lines 19 – 40, Fig. 9, 12, and column 12, lines 18 – 40, where teaches adjusting the detection power feedback signal ratio to increase or decrease by power command).

Regarding **claims 5, 10, 14, and 18**, Suzuki discloses that the power feedback signal is a power-up command if a quality parameter is less than a target quality parameter (column 18, lines 36 – column 19, lines 7 and Fig. 19, where teaches if the power level is below the threshold, the power feedback signal is a power increase command).

Regarding **claims 6, 11, 15, and 19**, Suzuki discloses that the power feedback signal is a power-down command if a quality parameter is greater than a target quality parameter (column 18, lines 36 – column 19, lines 7 and Fig. 19, where teaches if the power level is above the target threshold, the power feedback signal is a power decrease command).

Regarding **claim 7**, Suzuki and Hunzinger discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1.

Regarding **claim 12**, Suzuki and Hunzinger discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Suzuki further discloses that a baseband processor (8 in Fig. 8) configured to enable closed-loop power control in response to detecting the wide-band interference, the baseband processor coupled to the receiver (column 2, lines 25 – 51, Fig. 8, 10, and column 7, lines 15 – column 8, lines 41, where teaches in the graph in Fig. 4, the controller enables closed-loop power control in response to determining in the detection value above a threshold). Suzuki further discloses that a transmitter coupled to the baseband processor (Fig. 8 and column 10, lines 43 – column 11, lines 8).

Regarding **claim 13**, Suzuki and Hunzinger discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 12.

Regarding **claim 16**, Suzuki and Hunzinger discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 12.

Regarding **claim 17**, Suzuki and Hunzinger discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 12.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hayashi (US Patent number 6,697,634) discloses Selecting a Transmit Power Value From Multiple Calculated Power Levels.

Lin et al. (US 2004/0203462) discloses For Setting the Threshold of A Power Control Target in a Spread Spectrum Communication System.

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